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DOE Extends the Fluor Hanford Contract for Six Years

Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson announced today the extension of the Fluor Hanford, Inc. (FHI) contract at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington. The six-year, \$3.8 billion contract extension was signed following performance evaluations, productive negotiations, and a determination that an extension is in the best interest of the American taxpayer.

"The terms of our negotiated extension represent a significant challenge to Fluor Hanford and an excellent value to the taxpayer," said Secretary Richardson.

"The contract signed today will require DOE to be a better customer and enable Fluor to be a better contractor," said Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management Dr. Carolyn Huntoon. "I am convinced this contract will provide significant benefits to the Hanford cleanup and the taxpayers."

"Fluor Hanford, Inc. has shown an improved ability to make progress, especially with the timely movement of spent nuclear fuel from the K Basins," said Keith Klein, Richland Operations Office Manager. "Since taking over here in the summer of 1999, I have been impressed with Fluor's willingness to change, aggressively address problems, and, in the final analysis, perform. Fluor has further committed to bring to bear on Hanford's technical and management challenges, the best practices it applies so successfully to managing commercial projects internationally."

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